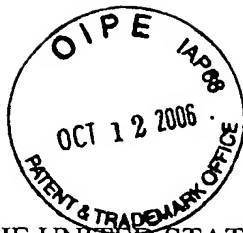


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- (1) Japan 2000-190520
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- (4) Japan P3397441 B

Items (1) and (4) were discussed in the specification and might be deemed pertinent for the reasons given there.

Items (2) and (3) were cited during prosecution of a PCT application corresponding to the subject application. A copy of the International Search Report is also enclosed.

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It is believed that U.S. Patent 6,422,674 is an English language counterpart of Japan 2000-190520; that U.S. Patent 6,719,394 is an English language counterpart of Japan 2001-293883; and that U.S. Patent 6,609,461 is an English language counterpart of Japan 2002-11928. Those U.S. patents are also listed on the attached form PTO-1449.

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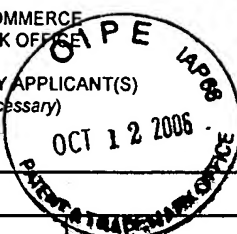
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